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August 17, 2015

Mr. Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As the State Representative of the 96<sup>th</sup> District, which includes the southwest portions of St. Louis County and the communities of Sunset Hills and Fenton, please accept this letter as my support of the proposed Charter Communications merger with Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

My district is diverse having both large and small businesses with a strong residential community backdrop. Because of this diversity, it's necessary to have privately held, competitive broadband providers that provide quality services to residence and businesses. As a Charter customer, I am aware of their fast Internet service and I commend them for providing the St. Louis County area with a 100 megabit speed as their slowest tier sold. I am also excited that under the proposed merger they will be making significant investments in out-of-home WiFi.

Charter's technology helps job growth but the company themselves has also brought jobs into the State of Missouri. They have a corporate office, an operational office and a customer care center that produce hundreds of jobs in St. Louis County that enhance the growth of our communities. They have also brought outsourced jobs from out of the country back to the United States and they have committed to bring Time Warner Cable's customer care overseas jobs back into the country. Finally, I strongly support Charter's efforts of working with RecruitMilitary to hire military veterans.

Charter's broadband infrastructure, its fast Internet speeds and its commitment to both protecting an open internet and job growth should be taken into consideration under this proceeding and I respectfully urge the Commission to support the New Charter merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Leara".

Mike Leara  
State Representative, 96<sup>th</sup> District